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FANS saw Formula One cars in action as motoring show Top Gear filmed in central Milton Keynes at the weekend. The recordings will be shown on BBC Two on Sunday in a feature on British cars

Man conned out of £21k

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A BLETCHLEY man has warned other pensioners to be aware of scammers after he was conned out of £21,700 in a month-long fraud.

People claiming to be from a home improvements company regularly visited the 77-year-old man, who wished to remain anonymous following the ordeal.

The victim was told that he needed the beams in his loft restrengthening when a man who called himself Joe visited his house in June and since then there have been 'four or five' separate occasions when different men have gone to the property.

On one occasion a man even fell through the roof of the loft.

Each time the fraudsters demanded large amounts of money because they said the material they needed had been transported from South East Asia. It was only when the victim went to his bank that the manageress phoned the police.

The conmen even tried to get the victim to use an overdraft so that they could charge him more money.

Overall, the man gave up £21,700.

Speaking to MK NEWS, the pensioner said: "I've lost a lot of money and I'm not working any more.

"Whatever people do, don't take these people in unless you know them personally.

"I've slipped up and I'm upset by it but you've got to carry on otherwise you'd drive yourself crazy."

The man said he has some shares and savings which he hopes will be enough cash for him in the future.

His daughter said: "I'm very upset and I'm worried about my dad. We've now got to be very careful."

Thames Valley Police has reminded residents to verify the identity of strangers who call at their home.

Investigating officer, PC Jon Moss, said: "This was a cowardly crime, in which an elderly person was targeted.

"In this case we have spoken with the company the men claimed to work for, Anglian Home Improvements, who confirmed that since January neither they, nor a third party associated with them, have done any work at the victim's address."

A statement from Anglian Home Improvements said: "It is hugely disappointing for us to hear of this incident.

"We would remind customers that all Anglian representatives carry full identification and they should request this before inviting them into their homes."

Anyone with information should contact PC Moss at Bletchley Police Station via the 24-hour Thames Valley Police Enquiry Line on 101.

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Council urged to write to Eric

MILTON Keynes Council has been urged to write to Eric Pickles expressing concern at the reduction of government funding.

At last Wednesday's cabinet meeting, they were urged as part of a medium term financial plan update to write to Mr Pickles, Secretary of State for Local Government, about the low funding despite the city being one of the fastest growing areas in the country.

This year's budget saw a reduction in government funding of £8.5m.

Labour councillor Nigel Long, who represents the Denbigh ward, told MK NEWS: "The Government uses a formula to allocate its funds that at the moment means Milton Keynes gets less money than it probably should.

"We would either like to see a change to the formula, or see that the government recognise we need a one-off payment."

Current crisis: Kathryn at the parking bay where she was given a £70 ticket and, *inset*, the sign

Driver's parking fine is an electric shock

BY MAL TATTERSALL
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TRAFFIC wardens are handing out tickets to motorists who park in bays reserved for electric vehicles – even though the council's website says it is allowed.

Motorist Kathryn O'Neill was slapped with a £70 fine for "contravening the rules" after popping into Debenhams for a lunchtime city centre shop.

But the council's website says: "Non electric vehicles will be able to use the electric vehicle spaces during the core hours of 10am-4pm."

Kathryn, 30, from Broughton, said: "I'm very angry. It's either legal or it isn't. If it isn't, the council website shouldn't say it is. And if it is legal, then traffic wardens shouldn't be handing out tickets to unsuspecting motorists."

Drivers of electric cars do not have to pay to park in the bays and can plug in their vehicles to top up their batteries with free electricity.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Have you got an electric car?
Have you seen any charging in MK?
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Milton Keynes already has 170 charging points and today it will be announced the city is to get another £522,606 funding from the Transport Department.

That's the third highest amount given to any local authority from the latest £37million tranche, and will provide 14 super-rapid charging points that cut the normal four to eight hours needed to refuel a battery to a mere 20 minutes.

A council spokesman said: "Fourteen bays are only for electric vehicles. They are clearly signposted."

Knife threat at Costcutter

THAMES Valley Police is appealing for witnesses following a robbery at a convenience store in Fullers Slade.

At around 1pm on Friday July 26, a man went into the Costcutter store in Shearmans carrying a large knife.

He threatened a shop assistant with the knife as he stole cans of lager and cigarettes from the store and then left, making no attempt to pay.

He is described as white, of slim build, aged between 25 and 30. He was wearing a black polo shirt and khaki coloured trousers.

There was another white man who waited outside the store for the offender. He was of a larger build and was wearing a white baseball cap backwards and a t-shirt with a pattern.

Anyone with information on this incident, please call investigating officer Det Con John Swallow at Force CID in Milton Keynes on 101.

You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Leader: Grace Owusu leads out shot put athletes on Saturday, as part of the Anniversary Games

Grace-fully leading Olympic athletes

A SUPERMARKET worker had a day to remember after leading out world class athletes at the Olympic Stadium.

Checkout worker Grace Owusu, who works at Sainsbury's in Witan Gate, led out shot put athletes who were competing in the Anniversary Games.

The sporting competition was the first held at the Stratford stadium since last summer's Olympics, and will be the last before it is redeveloped into a football stadium.

Grace won the opportunity after her work last year promoting Sainsbury's sponsorship of the Paralympic Games in MK.

She said: "It was such an honour to have to lead out many inspirational athletes.

"I was really proud to have played a part last summer in raising awareness of the Games with our colleagues and customers and the Sainsbury's Anniversary Games helped to showcase the success of British athletics as a whole.

"It was absolutely brilliant to be involved and it's an experience that I will never forget."

Cash boost for deprived areas

BY JAMES AVERILL
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COUNCILLORS have pledged to spend millions of pounds regenerating some of the most deprived estates in the city.

At last Wednesday's meeting of Milton Keynes Council's cabinet it was agreed to move forward with the Regeneration MK scheme, which will improve housing in these areas over the next 10-15 years, as well as increasing the number of properties. It is estimated it will cost in the region of £75million to upgrade the council-owned homes.

The council will also be talking to residents to find out what they would like to see improved in their area.

The initiative is expected to target six key estates in the city. Among them is the Lakes Estate, Bean Hill and Netherfield.

The council will now spend £721,000 on a procurement exercise to find a partner for the project.

Cllr Edith Bald, portfolio holder for strategic finance, housing and regeneration on the cabinet, told MK NEWS: "This regeneration is about improving the most deprived areas in Milton Keynes."

OUR WISH LIST

Jeanette Marling, chairman of the Lakes Residents' Association, wants to see:

- Improvements to housing on the estate
- Work to improve the paths
- Building work to start on a much-needed Children and Young People's Centre
- Further improvement of the estate's play areas
- Extra shopping facilities

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Lake open again

WILLEN Lake has fully reopened following the blue-green algae scare after the Environment Agency checked more samples of water. Pedalloes and windsurfers had been banned, while dog-walkers were advised to keep their pets out of the lake. The Parks Trust says it will continue to monitor the situation.

We're well read

LIBRARIES in Milton Keynes are performing above the national average, according to an update on a review of the future of libraries published by MK Council. The city's Central Library is the second busiest in a group of 15 similar authorities.

Extra patrols after sex assault

POLICE are increasing patrols to reassure residents after a woman was sexually assaulted on Monday – after three other assaults in the last two weeks.

On Friday, July 19 a 21-year-old woman was assaulted in Oldbrook, while three days later a 15-year-old girl was assaulted on the same estate.

While officers have said there is no evidence that the incidents are linked, Thames Valley Police is increasing its presence on the streets of MK.

The latest incident happened at 4.15pm on Monday when a 58-year-old woman was walking her dog from Campbell Park towards the Cricket Pavilion near Overgate. She was approached by a man who asked her a series of questions, before touching her inappropriately and then running away.

Superintendent Barry Halliday, Local Police Area Commander for Milton Keynes, said: "I would like to reassure people that incidents of this nature are very rare and we are doing all we can to ensure that the person responsible for this despicable crime is brought to justice. Extra reassurance patrols are being carried out in the local area and I would urge anyone with any concerns to speak to one of these officers."

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Frustrated by priorities

I FIND it very frustrating that Milton Keynes Council can find the money to do emergency kerb repairs at MK Central Station because Top Gear is coming to film in the area (*MK NEWS, July 24*), but says no to resurfacing all the roads in Beanhill that require it, except just one.

Yes I know filming in MK improves our profile for city status, and yes it's exciting, but the inconvenience and expense it caused far outweighed that.

People living on estates near Grafton Street had to put up with the annoying wasp like sound from mid-morning to mid-afternoon, shoppers had to find alternative parking and commuters had to incumber an almost expedition-type journey to get to their trains, with very little prior warning.

Is it me not liking Top Gear you may think...

I like to think it's because I don't like to see the council waste money when it is stopping other services because 'we need to save money'.

Sue Smith
Sent via email

Get regeneration views

I TRUST Milton Keynes Council will engage in meaningful consultation with local residents before embarking on any regeneration programme ('*Council targets regeneration in city's most deprived areas, MKWeb, July 25*).

One of the issues for people will be that the existing housing in many of the areas of deprivation is larger than homes built to current standards.

Also, because the housing is considered less desirable, the rent levels reflect this.

So, as long as any regeneration brings cheaper to rent, larger properties then the council may be part way to convincing people that the change will be for the better.

Paul Griffiths
Sent via email

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MK should be in list

I PERFECTLY agree with Tim Harrison that MK deserves to be in the 100 Crap Towns list (*Letters, MK NEWS, July 24*).

Most of the new areas are out of bounds for ordinary working class people as the house prices are so high.

On the other hand, several old estates in Woughton and the surrounding areas are overcrowded and lack amenities.

The crime rate in these areas has gone up and it is not safe to go to some of them at night.

The only thing that is happening in these estates is the growth of pizza places, Indian takeaways and restaurants. These estates are dirty and filthy.

The incompetence over the years of the planners in Milton Keynes has created two types of society – one for the poor and the other for the rich.

Name and address supplied

Town's gone downhill

HAVING read Tim Harrison's letter in last week's issue, I feel that as a resident of Milton Keynes since 1976 I am able to provide a broader, long term overview of Milton Keynes.

The problem is that he is correct and I agree with what he says.

Milton Keynes was shaped originally with invaluable contributions from Bill Benyon and the much missed Development Corporation.

It had a great building policy, nothing more than three stories, including commercial schemes.

It had a unique (at the time) shopping centre development where independent or small business chains were encouraged to open up (anyone remember Taylor and McKenna?).

There was a nice indoor market in the centre itself and The Point had not even been put up, let alone being considered for demolition.

The Fishermead estate housed business professionals and managers who were engaged in setting up the founding businesses in Milton Keynes and cars parked safely on that estate at that time were generally new Ford Granadas, etc. I even remember a Ferrari belonging to a resident.

Sadly, due in part to self important council officials who have striven at all costs to get city status, the place has gone to hell.

The city centre raised its rents and demands to such an extent that only major names can afford a place there, and in fact the recession has also taken some of them. You could be in any number of bland, identical shopping centres in any country when you are in MK.

Fishermead started to deteriorate when the council took over and decided that certain 'problem' families should be moved there to live with hard working residents.

The wonderful road system, when the grid roads were being opened, meant one car at a roundabout was a traffic jam. More and more housing has been built, but with no money spent on identifying what might become traffic congestion points. Who remembers when you could go from Newport Pagnell to Bletchley, in the 'rush hour' in about 10 minutes without even speeding?

And the brilliant idea of a trolley bus system to run alongside the grid system, which idiot cancelled that from the plans?

Don't get me wrong, Milton Keynes does have its good points. For instance just a few minutes outside of MK is some lovely green areas, but it comes to something when a town's good points are based outside of it.

Milton Keynes does not deserve city status. It needs to start functioning as a cohesive whole town first.

Joseph Joyce
Sent via email

POLL RESULT

DO YOU THINK THERE IS ENOUGH SOCIAL HOUSING IN MILTON KEYNES?
Yes – 50%
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Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Book attempts to expose city's secrets

LOCAL conspiracy theorists out there – and we know who you are – will be fascinated by a new book exposing this city's links to secret organisations and cult groups.

Never before has a local tome dared to examine the tell tale signs that are hiding in full view.

But now Mysterious Milton Keynes looks at the hidden symbolism behind the layout, buildings and street installations which suggest a 'higher power' may have had a hand in the growth of this city.

Stone circles, ley lines, giant isolated stones known as Menhirs and obelisks abound in Milton Keynes, many appearing without explanation. Others, like the Medicine Wheel at Willen, are a magnet for pagan worshipers and white witches, particularly at the time of the summer solstice.

But it is the book's braveness in exposing the city's supposed links with the Illuminati – believed by some to be a secretive, all controlling, all powerful organisation – that sets it apart from other local publications.

Strange pyramids, some with the tip missing, the Great Holm Oblisk – plonked in the middle of an 80s housing estate with no plaque or explanation – and even the 'Eyes Wide Shut' statue in the Theatre District are, according to some, associated with Illuminati symbolism and even occupation.

The book also exposes the Devil's association with Olney, headless horsemen, ghosts in Newport Pagnell, the local legend of Dick Turpin and countless other tales.

Mystery also surrounds the author, James Willis. Nothing about his background appears in the book; he made contact with the City Life office via a faceless go-between and would not be interviewed or photographed.

Mysterious Milton Keynes, priced £9.99, is available from Amazon now and all bookshops from September. A must read for anyone interested in this city.

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Open...but perhaps not for long: Days Inn at Newport Pagnell Services was opened in the 1950s

Oldest motorway hotel to be demolished

BRITAIN'S oldest motorway hotel could be demolished and replaced by a modern new building.

Operators Welcome Break want planning permission to redevelop its service station site beside the M1 at Newport Pagnell.

The hotel, which was opened in 1959 as a Welcome Lodge, is described on the internet as having 'a very 1950s look to it'.

The Motorway Services Online website says it has an American-inspired motel-type design.

A spokesman for Welcome Break, which has its headquarters nearby, said the new Days Inn Hotel would have 100 bedrooms.

She added: "The existing hotel is very popular. But it has been there since 1959 when the M1 opened."

The new hotel, between junctions 14 and 15, is being designed by JWA architects, of Leicestershire.

It boasts it will be 'functional'. Its website says: "We create functional spaces that connect with people's lifestyles everywhere they go."

Motorist in dog rescue drama

LOVE MK

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A QUICK-THINKING motorist helped save a dog from the middle of a busy dual carriageway.

Paula Parrott, who is allergic to dogs, was driving to work at Panasonic in MK when she spotted the stranded pooch on the opposite side of Portway.

She quickly decided to go all the way round the next roundabout to try to rescue the Yorkshire Terrier but it had run to Downs Barn. As she followed the dog, a car was forced to quickly stop to avoid hitting the 12-month-old dog, before Paula managed to coax the pooch towards her and take her to work.

Paula, 43, from Flitwick, said: "I just saw something on the other side of the road and it ran towards Downs Barn so I just followed it.

"I didn't really think about what I was doing because it all happened so fast."

"She was a really sweet dog and all of us at work were smitten with her.

"She looked too well cared for to be a stray and she was obviously used to people.

"I'm usually allergic to dogs but I wasn't with this one."

Animal Wardens Ltd is still looking for the owners of the dog, so if this terrier is yours call 0845 241 7253.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Motorcyclist named

A TEENAGE motorcyclist from Milton Keynes who was killed in a road collision has been named as Scott Vigar. The 19-year-old was killed on July 18 in the accident at Foscote, Buckingham, and had recently moved to MK from Roade, Northants.

Man died in studio

A MAN from Bletchley was found dead in a tattoo parlour in Bicester. Mariusz Michalak, 31, was found dead at his workplace at Bicester Ink on Saturday, July 20. Mr Michalak was named by Oxford Coroner Court after an inquest into his death was opened and adjourned last Wednesday.

Fears for MK 111 service

A PRIVATE health company heavily criticised on Channel 4's Dispatches this week is running the controversial NHS 111 service in Milton Keynes.

Now Andrew Pakes, prospective Labour candidate for MK South, is demanding reassurances from the city's Clinical Commissioning Group that local people are not suffering the 'same sort of chaos'.

Harmoni runs a third of the country's 111 call centres.

But one manager told an undercover TV reporter: "We don't have the staff to deal with the volume of calls. On the weekends we are unsafe."

Baby in hospital after fire

A BABY was taken to hospital as a precaution following a fire affecting four flats in Netherfield yesterday morning.

Fire crews were called to The Hide at 5.30am, where they found residents battling to escape the blaze.

Residents were alerted by a smoke alarm and all occupants were accounted for after initial fears that a man was unable to escape from his flat.

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Readers driven potty by roads

Cllr Ric Brackenbury pictured with a giant pothole in Willen

BY JAMES AVERILL
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RESIDENTS have hit out at the state of the city's roads this week.

The backlash came following an article in last week's MK NEWS, which revealed council chiefs may have to borrow thousands of pounds from 2014's budget to repair hundreds of potholes on the city's roads.

Since then readers have been giving their views on our Twitter account – **@YourMKWeb** – while one even sent in a picture of a giant pothole.

Liberal Democrat councillor Ric Brackenbury sent this snap of a pothole outside the primary school in Willen.

He said: "Things have gone downhill in my area over the past couple of years. There is a slower response rate and a refusal to deal with smaller defects."

And now local Labour councillors have set up a web page – Streets of Shame – asking for residents' pictures of the worst potholes.

They have also called for all potholes to be assessed by Milton Keynes Council within 14 days, following a motion calling on the authority to improve the standard of pothole repairs.

Labour leader Cllr Pete Marland said: "I am deeply concerned about the council's failure to get to grips with the scale of the pothole plague.

"We want a proper programme of repairs and we want a hard headed target to deal with the dangerous ones. Setting a challenging 14-day target to speed up repairs and keep people informed is the right thing to do."

But Cllr John Bint, cabinet member for transport and highways, said the current policy was better.

"We have two top categories of 24-hour and 48-hour responses, which is a rapid response," he said. "We recently did a six-week programme filling in 2,500 potholes and we'll continue to work hard to solve the problem."

Your views

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"I HAVE repeatedly reported potholes within Newport Pagnell, which have been repaired only for them to open up again just a few months later."
Ron Lawrence, sent via email

"THE roads are pretty poor in places. Being better than other towns is not good enough."

@LaurzzE
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@alicebramall

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@EdwardBE1

"IT'S not only potholes, most of the road markings are so faint they might as well not be there."
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A RENOVATED 1934 Aston Martin car will be parked outside Newport Pagnell Parish Church during the company's Centenary Flower Festival on August 16-18. It has been loaned by Andy Bell, from Olney, who still races it. Floral displays will be based on the Aston Martin slogan 'Power, Beauty and Soul'.

Little interest

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Bletchley play heads to fringe

A PLAY about Bletchley Park is heading to the Edinburgh Fringe.

That Is All You Need To Know, by the Idle Motion theatre group, focuses on one of the park's unsung heroes, Gordon Welchman.

He worked with Alan Turing to develop the Bombe machines, which sped up the process of breaking the German's Enigma code.

The play will tell his story, as well as that of the volunteers who saved the huts from demolition many years later.

The play runs from Friday until August 24 at ZOO Southside.

£2k to clear traveller mess

TRAVELLERS landed Milton Keynes Council taxpayers with a £2,000 bill to clear up the appalling mess they dumped at a local beauty spot.

The 10 caravans were only at the Blue Lagoon local nature reserve for a weekend before being evicted.

But, as reported by MK NEWS, they left behind a mound of rubbish on the site of the former brickworks at Water Eaton.

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One resident said: "Travellers always bleat that nobody likes them. Is it surprising?"

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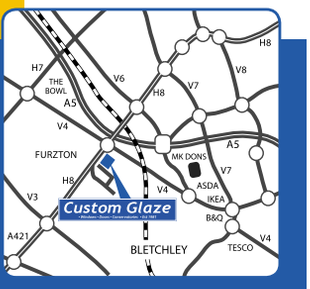

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BY MAL TATTERSALL
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SMALL and medium-sized businesses are helping lead the whole country out of recession and into growth.

Now MK NEWS and MKWeb is supporting a new series of business awards to shine the spotlight on them.

Entries to the Federation of Small Businesses' Buckinghamshire Business Awards 2013 opened yesterday and will close on October 24.

And the terrific first prize is up to £10,000 worth of advertising with MK NEWS and MKWeb.

Local FSB chairman, David Maidment, based at Newport Pagnell, said: "This is a brilliant way to promote your business. Now is the time to celebrate these companies.

"They are employing more people and generating wealth in our communities.

"Buckinghamshire is one of the leading engines of growth, so this is the time to showcase the very best to continue that drive.

Open for business: David Maidment speaking at the launch of the awards at Horwood House Hotel yesterday

"One of our bugbears is that the media always tells the bad news. So let's give them stories that will help fuel confidence and accentuate the positive."

Judging will be carried out by a panel comprising MK NEWS editor Cally Jenkins and representatives from the FSB and sponsors of the 14 awards.

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Cops' countryside crime crackdown

BY JAMES AVERILL
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POLICE are cracking down on countryside crime – with two men and one boy arrested in the first two days of action.

Officers from Milton Keynes' Local Policing Area will be carrying out 10 days of intensive operational and crime prevention work to tackle rural crime.

It began the first of its two five-day stints on Monday last week, patrolling 'off the beaten track' locations in high visibility off-road vehicles.

Two men and one boy were arrested last Tuesday night for 17 burglary and theft from vehicle offences, the majority of which happened in Newton Blossomville.

Wilson Turney, 20, of High Street South, Olney, and 21 year-old Scott Cannon, of no fixed abode, were both charged with 17 counts of conspiracy to steal.

Both men appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Thursday, where Turney was remanded in custody and Cannon was conditionally released on an electronic tag. Both are due back at court on Thursday.

Targeting countryside crooks: Police on patrol in a rural area

In addition, a 15-year-old boy from Bedford Road, Olney, was arrested on suspicion of four counts of theft from a motor vehicle, one count of burglary at a dwelling, six counts of burglary (non-dwelling) and three counts of attempted theft from a motor vehicle. He has been released on bail until Tuesday.

It is expected the police initiative will continue during late autumn.

Sergeant Andy Paulden, from the rural Milton Keynes neighbourhood team, said: "Any crime in isolated areas can have a significant impact on the community.

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TripAdvisor hotel rating for prison

BY MAL TATTERSALL
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CHEEKY inmates have been giving TripAdvisor hotel-style ratings to Milton Keynes' maximum security Woodhill Prison.

One man called Pete Williams awarded it four stars on Google Maps – and described it as 'a great place to stay for a holiday'.

But a woman with a relative in the Category A jail, which houses some of Britain's most dangerous criminals, claimed there were 'safety issues'.

Marie Knowles said that gangs were running the prison. She added: "Officers show very little concern for inmates' safety and some appear to find it amusing."

Then she listed a string of complaints: "Hygiene issue, clothes not always issued and not always laundered with soap powder. Lack of jobs and courses. Staff obstructive and unwilling to help, do not ensure prisoners get time and help to complete courses."

But a con called Edward Weeks said: "I found the health care wing very well run." However he added: "The induction wing was not as good. Very disorganised!"

'Good for a holiday': Inmates have been reviewing Woodhill Prison on TripAdvisor

Another man, named as 'A Google User', gave Woodhill just one star out of five. He commented: "Disliked" – but then added: "It's a maximum security prison."

Woodhill, which can house more than 800 prisoners, was still rated better than many other prisons. One lag who gave Wormwood Scrubs just one star moaned: "The view from the room was poor and obscured by iron bars.

"Facilities were rudimentary to say the least – no television, mini bar or en-suite facilities."

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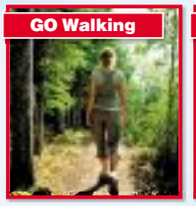

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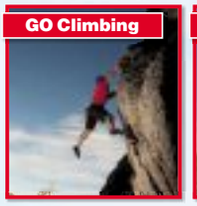

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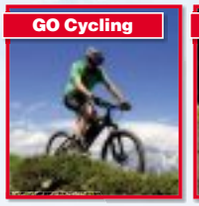

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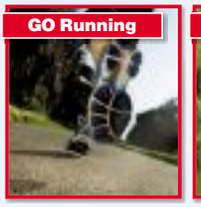

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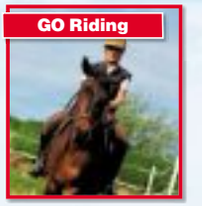

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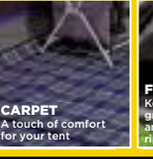

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Council kicks up stink over smell

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A WATER company has been ordered to sort out a foul smell that is still plaguing parts of the city.

A nasty pong has been in the air since the hot weather started, which is being caused by the Cotton Valley Sewage Works in Pineham.

Now Milton Keynes Council has said it wants an end to the 'unacceptable' smell after local residents and businesses raised concerns about the whiff.

Last Tuesday it served Anglian Water with an abatement notice – the third since 2010 – and has given the company two months to fix the problem.

A council spokesman said: "The problem at the sewage plant has been caused by two anaerobic digesters failing to work properly.

"This problem is different to the issues in 2010, when the council issued two abatement notices, which were dealt with by the water company at the time.

Big whiff: Horrid smells have been coming from Cotton Valley

"As part of the industry's code of practice the water company has two months to resolve the immediate issue.

"We have also asked the company to set up a Odour Improvement Plan to reduce any problems that might arise in the medium term."

An Anglian Water spokesman confirmed the company will be meeting with local representatives.

They added: "We have taken a number of recent steps.

"Two mobile sprays have been installed to help control odour build-ups when they occur and consultants have visited the site in preparation for a comprehensive odour survey, which is due to be commissioned imminently.

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Clapping along: The crowd enjoy the festivities at the weekend's World Picnic in Campbell Park

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CAMPBELL Park was packed on Sunday as the annual World Picnic took place.

The festival, organised by The Parks Trust, celebrated music from around the world, as well as some of the globe's finest cultures and food.

An estimated 4,000 people turned out and Julie Dawes, events co-ordinator for the trust, said: "It was brilliant to see so many families enjoying the day in the sun."

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Help is needed for new war memorial

BY JAMES AVERILL
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RESIDENTS are asking for help to build a new war memorial in their community.

MK NEWS reported last year how residents in Coffee Hall were left without a war memorial following a change to the parish boundaries – and last year they had to make do with a replica for the November Remembrance Day service.

Coffee Hall Residents' Association and Woughton Community Council thought they had finally made a breakthrough this year after receiving planning permission for a new memorial next to Christ the Vine Church in Jonathans.

But they were dismayed when they found out that the cost for the groundworks would be £4,400.

Councillor Yvonne Tomlinson, of Woughton Community Council, is now looking for a local company to help.

"That is a lot of money for a residents' association and as councillors we only get a £200 allowance.

"A number of us will be donating that £200 towards this project, but it will probably still not be anywhere near enough.

"We want to see if there is a local company which is willing to do the groundworks, including some tarmacing, preferably for nothing or at least at a cost price."

A number of local groups are already helping with the scheme.

Milton Keynes Academy will be carving the wooden cross and funeral directors Masons will be carrying out the engraving, while Topps Tiles and Travis Perkins have signalled their desire to help in some way.

Cllr Tomlinson added: "We really need the work to start by August 26 at the latest, which will enable it to be completed before November and the remembrance ceremony.

If you can help with the groundworks contact Cllr Tomlinson on 01908 663350.

Help needed: Cllr Yvonne Tomlinson, *second from left*, with members of the residents' association and councillors where the war memorial would be built

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Taking a walk on the wild side: Martin Kincaird, The Parks Trust's biodiversity officer, next to the pond in Campbell Park where fish have died due to the hot weather

Heat boosts insects

BY SCOTT KIRK
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HOT and dry weather in Milton Keynes has given bird and insect numbers a boost.

The hot spell over the past week led to many birds laying a second breed of eggs as they take advantage of the warm weather.

Moth traps are also seeing their best figures for 20 years, while butterflies, bats, bumblebees and plantlife such as the bee orchid are also benefitting from the weather.

However, less desirable insects such as biting midges are also on the rise, as The Parks Trust biodiversity officer, Martin Kincaird, found to his cost at Linford Wood.

"The conditions are very favourable for them so I'm absolutely covered in bites," he said.

"The warm weather is brilliant for insects.

"Our wildlife has needed this summer because rain over the last couple of years has been a big problem."

But it has not all been good news for wildlife so far.

Between 80 and 100 fish died at a pond at Campbell Park due to a lack of oxygen, which came about because plants don't release as much into the water when temperatures rise.

The Parks Trust is taking advice from the Environment Agency to stop the same thing happening to other fish, with the possibility of pumps being used to provide extra oxygen if the weather gets warmer again.

Mr Kincaird added: "If you get a sudden rise in temperature then unfortunately you're going to get dead fish, but speaking as an environmentalist it has been a great year for wildlife so far."

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Enter our baby and toddler competition

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MK NEWS and MKWeb's Baby and Toddler of the Year competition is taking place again this year.

After the birth of the royal baby, this is an excellent opportunity to test whether yours is cuter than HRH Prince George of Cambridge.

We had a fantastic response last year and now we want you to do the same again and show us how adorable your little one really is.

We're on a mission to find the city's cutest tots so if you have a child aged from 0-6 years, take them along to one of our photography sessions over the coming weeks.

Pictures will be taken at Midsummer Place from Monday to Sunday, August 11.

The competition then moves on to Tesco stores in Bletchley from August 13-18 and Kingston from August 20-25.

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Student a good bet for casino's uniform

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A FASHION student has won a competition to design the staff uniform for the city's first casino.

Fifteen students from Milton Keynes College went head to head to win a coveted prize to design the uniforms for The Casino MK which, when it opens later this year, will be the largest in the country outside London.

Stephanie Czoboriek, 18, was the winner and said the contest had been a wonderful experience that had given her an insight into how fashion design works.

"It was really good to be provided with such an amazing opportunity and then to be the winner of the chosen designs is crazy," she said.

"It was fascinating going to the studio and seeing all my designs as samples and was really beneficial as a student.

"I'm so pleased that they chose my designs and I cannot wait to go and see people actually wearing them."

Stephanie Czoboriek, 18, models her winning casino uniform

The 250 staff at the casino, run by Aspers, will wear the uniforms.

Nigel Hartland, general manager at the casino, said: "In the last six years we [Aspers] have developed a thriving relationship with the college and we were pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to its students.

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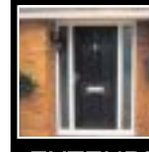

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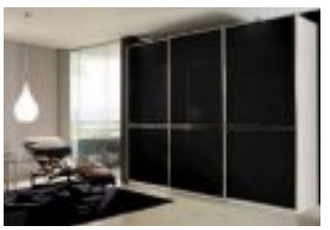

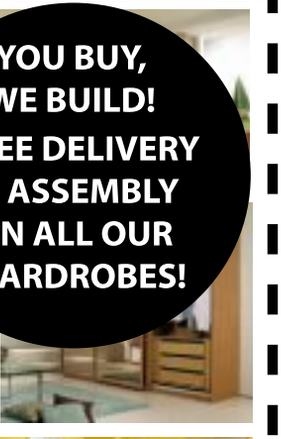

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Fraud coach's team need kit

BY JAMES AVERILL
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YOUNG football players left devastated after their coach stole money for a trip are asking for help to get a new kit.

MK NEWS exclusively revealed two weeks ago how Newport Pagnell Lions U9s coach John Simon Brown took £1,995 parents had paid for a football tour.

Brown, who has also been sentenced for bigamy within the last year, pleaded guilty to fraud at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court last month and is due to be sentenced today.

Now the team, which is part of Newport Pagnell Town Football Club, is facing a new problem as it doesn't have enough kit or equipment for next season.

Jo Davison, from Walnut Tree, whose son Thomas is a striker for the team, said: "The boys need a 16-player kit as we have gone up a division.

"We had very kindly been donated a kit by Vandanel when we looked like folding, but there isn't enough shirts for this season.

"We also need some training kit and equipment like balls and cones.

"They go back to training on August 7 and the fixtures for the league start in September."

Brown resigned from the club shortly after it was discovered he had stolen the money.

This meant the team, which was at the top of Division One, was unable to play and was relegated.

Despite Brown's actions having a huge impact on the club, new coach Darren Clarke has got them back into Division One and Mrs Davison said 'they are still looking forward to their football'.

If you think you can help the Lions email editor@mk-news.co.uk

Hoping to strike a deal: Lions players, *from left*, Callum Nunn, Kyle Petchley, Thomas Davison and Bradley Churchill

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Charity ball for cancer sufferer

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A CHARITY ball is being held to raise money for a four-year-old who is suffering from cancer.

Henry Allen from Bletchley has neuroblastoma – a rare type of cancer that affects only young children – but the treatment he needs is not available in this country.

In January The Henry Allen Appeal was set up to raise money to send the youngster to Europe to receive specialist care and so far £80,000 has been collected.

Henry's condition has a relapse rate of 80 per cent, but his parents, Dawn and Mark, found out through charity Families Against Neuroblastoma that treatment abroad could increase the chances of survival by more than 25 per cent.

On average 100 children a year are diagnosed with this type of cancer in the UK.

The charity ball, which will be held at DoubleTree at stadiummk on September 14, costs £55 per person and will include a three-course meal with wine, live music, a raffle and auction prizes.

Appealing for help: Henry Allen with mum Dawn and dad Mark

Dawn and Mark said: "He is amazing – full of smiles and has a 'Henry Hug' for everyone.

"He is an inspiration and keeps us going with his strength and character."

Meanwhile, MK company, Jewellery Divaz, has organised a family fun day at Tattenhoe Pavilion on Sunday. Two bikes have been donated by fitMK.com for the event, which takes place between noon and 5pm.

For more information visit www.thehenryappeal.com or call 07946 251518.

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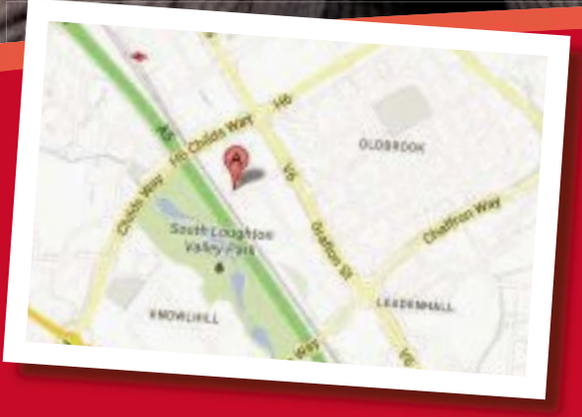

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Gavin Miller ★★★½☆

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BLETCHLEY Park hosts a traditional country day out on Saturday and Sunday.

There will be tea and music on the lawn, local craft and produce stalls and children's activities.

Taking people back to the era of the traditional country fete, there will be stalls, such as coconut shy and roll-a-penny, while music will be played live in the entertainment marquee.

Visitors can also indulge in a traditional cream tea on the lawn, while children can try rug making or learn about World War Two with the Home Guard and Land Army.

For more information phone 01908 640404.

A STAINED glass workshop will also take place at Westbury Arts Centre on Sunday.

The event, which takes place from 10am to 5pm, will be held by Michael Ross – an artist that has worked with glass for more than 20 years.

His work combines traditional techniques used in the production of stained glass, including design, cutting, construction, painting and glass pieces fused in the kiln.

The one-day workshop allows you to create a beautiful panel made of glass.

Cutting glass and working with lead are among the stained glass skills people can expect to learn.

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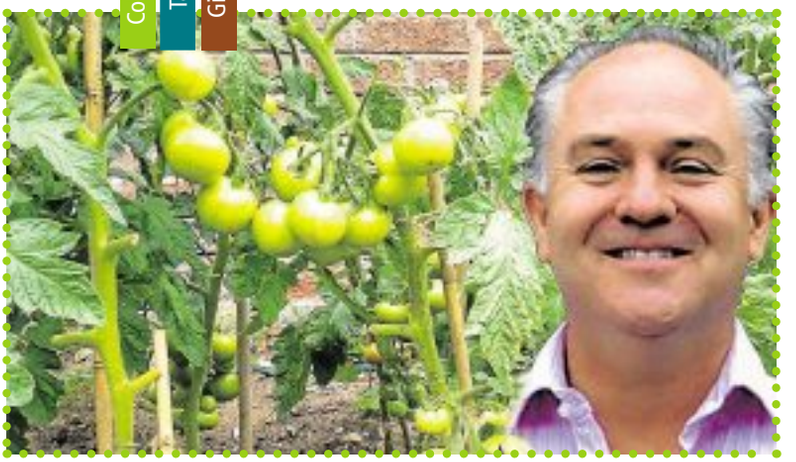

AT last some summer weather...

With the hot spell it is important to ensure that your plants are getting enough water and food, especially in the fruit and veg garden, where they are depending on water to swell the fruit .

Watering is best carried out early morning or early evening when it is cooler and the chance of damage to the plants has gone. If your plants have dried out do not feed them as this can cause damage, wait until they have rehydrated.

JAMES Frost, of Frost's Garden Centre, writes exclusively for MK LIFE on how best to treat your plants during the searing summer heatwave

Feed fruit and vegetables and plants in flower weekly to ensure they receive enough nutrients. Phostrogen, Tomorite and Miracle Gro are the main brands of liquid feed and are easily added to the watering can. It is essential you regularly dead head flowering plants so repeat flowers carry on over the summer.

Pests and diseases will be very active so keep a vigilant eye on your plants. You can control them via biological methods or spraying to avoid the plant suffering. Main pests are aphid, cabbage white butterfly and vine weevil and diseases are mildew and stem rots.

online to read the review in full log onto mkweb.co.uk

goodfood

THE first thing that strikes you about The Wavendon Arms is the smell.

There's a lovely aroma of food that made me hungry as soon as I walked through the door. There was also a very classy and relaxed vibe and it looks like a fantastic place for families to go to.

The Newport Road establishment has a bit of a country feel to it, with friendly service and a great array of beers to sample.

We started with a garlic pizette (£6.95) which really hit the spot. The caramelised onions were to die for and the bread was absolutely perfect, with the rocket adding a lovely finishing touch to the top.

After a lengthy wait, we received our mains. We both fancied linguine, but went for different versions.

Having never tried pan-roasted sea trout before, I thought I would plump for this, which came with crab and a creamy butter sauce (£13.95).

I initially really liked it, but felt that the dish was a touch bland by the time I finished. There was nothing wrong with it, and the sea trout was cooked well, but it failed to wow me.

My girlfriend's tiger prawn and chorizo linguine (£12.95), was fantastic. There was also crab and a touch of chilli that gave the food a lovely kick, so when my girlfriend was full I moved on to finish her meal!

Scott Kirk

backstageblitz

LET battle commence at the Craufurd Arms – as bands fight it out to reach the final of the Blackstar Band Blitz in September.

In this second heat, one of the four performing bands – all of whom are local – will make it to the final stage.

Montmarte, **pictured**, will be up against Betraying Franklin, Leftover and Leagues.

Friday's heat starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £4 on the door.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MK life HOT PICKS

madsummer

THE Buszy is always a hub of activity for events in the summer holidays.

And this year is no exception as their Mad Summer starts.

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For more details visit www.thebuszy.com

goexploring

DORA the Explorer Live is coming to Milton Keynes Theatre from Friday to Sunday.

Nickelodeon's Dora is looking for her lost teddy bear Osito and the musical search is on to get him back.

General tickets cost between £18.90 and £20.90. To book go to www.atgtickets.com

tattoogallery

MK Gallery will be hosting a body art event to celebrate the rich and diverse tattoo culture in Milton Keynes.

Featured will be displays of designs, live tattoo demonstrations and a talk on tattoo history by Dr Matt Lodder.

The event takes place tomorrow from 6.30pm and is free for all visitors.

filifiesta

NOW in its 20th year, the Filipino Festival is still as strong as ever.

The fiesta includes singers, dancers, bands, artists, a Santa Cruzan Parade, and Filipino cultural dancing. There will also be a fun fair, food and stalls.

The two-day festival – which is free – takes place at the amphi-theatre area of Campbell Park on Saturday and Sunday from 9am-7pm.

familyfun

WILLEN Hospice is holding its 2013 Family Fun Day.

There will be entertainment throughout the day on Sunday with a bar, all-day kids rides, bouncy castle, fun and games, football tournament and raffles.

The event is in memory of Danny Howard and takes place at Wolverton Town FC from 9.30am until late.

fabfairytales

SOME of the best-loved fairytales will be told by a talented cast of young performers at Stantonbury Campus Theatre.

Performances will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday and Sunday, with a matinee showing at 11am on Sunday.

Tickets are £12 for concessions and £14 for everybody else. Go to www.stantonbury.org.uk for more information.

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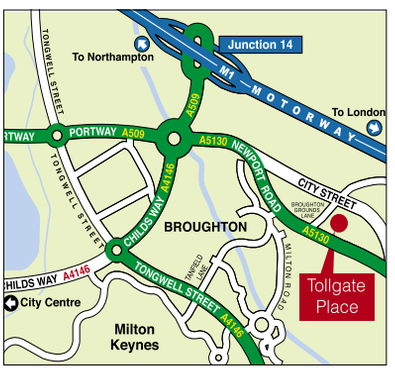

Including all carpets, curtains, blinds, lighting and accessories plus turfed rear garden, this 4 bedroom home with 2 en-suites, study and garage is **ready to move into now** and offers superb value. Set in an exciting new community in **Broughton**, Tollgate Place is **ideally located** close to the major road networks.

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Hooper Gate, Willen

TAYLORS Executive Homes is delighted to offer for sale this exceptionally well presented and spacious executive residence in the popular residential area of Willen.

The property benefits from a double garage with off-road parking for several vehicles, gas to radiator central heating and a large private rear garden.

The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, snug/reading room, TV room, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, first floor landing, large master bedroom with en-suite, second bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

To fully appreciate the quality of this home, on the market for £725,000, Taylors highly recommends an internal viewing.

For further details, or to arrange a viewing, contact 01908 240981.

Enough Said!

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- Corner Plot Location

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£600,000

Leckhampstead

- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- En-Suite Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Workshop
- Stable

Four double bedroom detached bungalow situated on the outskirts of the pretty village of Leckhampstead on a plot of approximately one third of an acre.

£585,000

Walnut Tree

- Executive Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Open Plan Kitchen
- Four Piece En-Suite
- Off Road Parking

A small cul-de-sac of only four, four bedroom executive detached homes recently built, situated in the sought area of Walnut Tree. There is a secluded rear garden, and ample parking to the front leading to double garage.

£475,000

Hanslope

- Period Property
- Grade II Listed
- Four Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Tudor Fireplaces

Wonderful four bedroom stone built period cottage, offering spacious accommodation and superb character features including "tudor fireplaces" and exposed beams.

£475,000

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- Converted Watermill
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- Breakfast Room
- Conservatory
- Double Garage
- Swimming Pool

An exceptional Grade II Listed converted watermill dating back to the 1700's situated within a stunning plot of around 3/4 of an acre. There is countryside out to the side and rear towards and beyond the Great River Ouzel.

£875,000

Furzton

- Detached Home
- Six Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Double Garage
- Large Rear Garden
- Kitchen/Breakfast
- Lounge/Dining
- Family Bathroom

An exceptional six bedroom detached, individual design, family home in this quiet cul-de-sac in Furzton. Includes a double garage that has been partially converted into a gym, gas central heating and a large private rear garden.

£685,000

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Two Mile Ash £320,000
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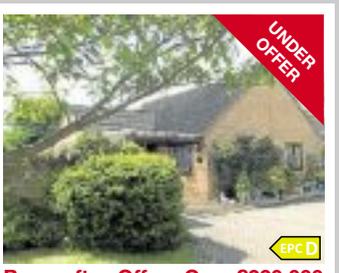
- Four Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Cloakroom

Milton Keynes £290,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Family Bathroom

Campbell Park £289,995
- Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room

Blakelands £245,000
- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Highly Sought After Area
- Two Reception Rooms

Broughton £225,000
- Semi Detached Residence
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge/Dining Room



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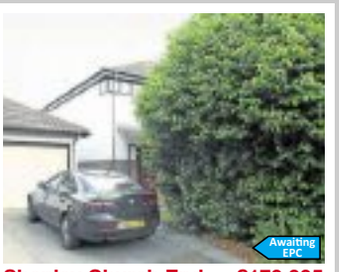
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory

Heelands £200,000
- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room

Browns Wood OIEO £185,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens

Milton Keynes £184,000
- Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Lounge



Shenley Church End £179,995
- End Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge/Dining Room

Shenley Brook End £167,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Front & Rear Gardens

Neath Hill £156,500
- Three Bedrooms
- Utility/Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room

Willen Park £155,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Gas Central Heating

Stantonbury £150,000
- Two/Three Bedroom Detached
- Stantonbury
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

Broughton £150,000
- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Open plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Call to Arrange Viewing

Great Holm £150,000
- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Gardens

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- Windmill Hill Estate
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory

Bletchley £287,500
- Detached Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Garage

Bletchley £239,995
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- Double Glazing
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

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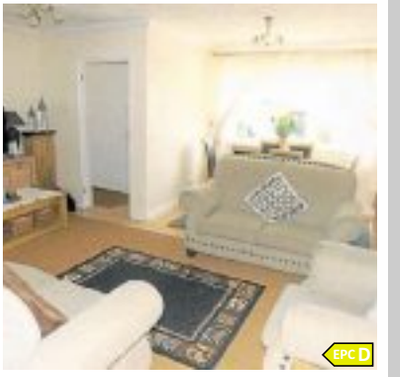
- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Highly Sought After Village of Hanslope.
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking



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- Off Road Parking

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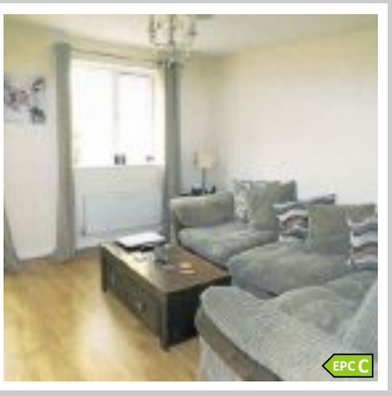
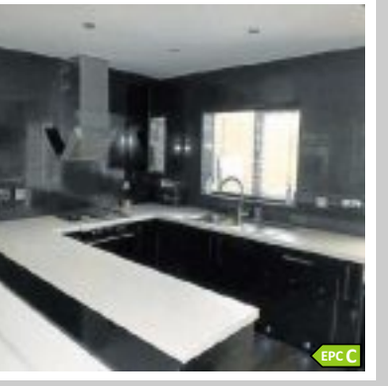
- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking
- Garden



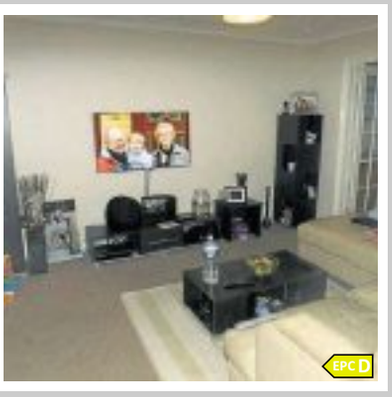
Broughton OIEO £205,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Conservatory
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Front Garden



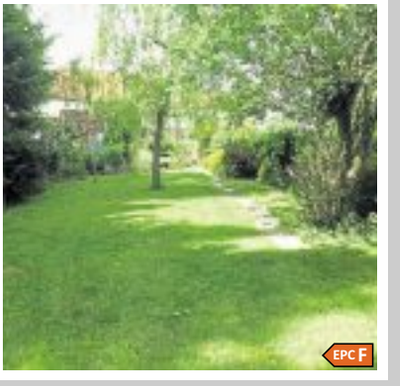
Monkston £275,000

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- En-Suite Facilities
- Garage & Garden
- Viewing Recommended



Wavendon £189,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Popular Location
- Attractive Garden
- Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing



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- Cloakroom
- En-Suite Facilities
- Landscaped Gardens
- Garage

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- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom

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- Three Bedroom Detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Garage

Milton Keynes £175,000
- Show Home Condition
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Conservatory

Westcroft £67,500
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- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
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- Country Views to the Front & Side
- 19ft Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- No Chain
- Must be Viewed

Dinglederry £305,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Detached
- Sitting Room
- Kitchen/Breafkast Room

Olney £270,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Close to Market Square
- Good Location
- Sitting room

Dinglederry £250,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking & Garage

Stoke Goldington £189,995
- Very Good Condition
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom

Olney £185,000

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We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £180,000.
Any interested party must submit any higher offer in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

Lavendon £95,000
- One Bedroom
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

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Newport Pagnell **£305,000**

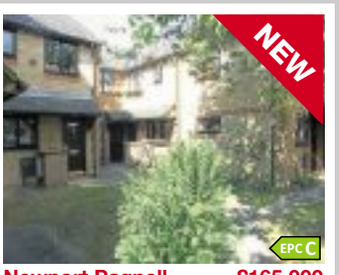
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Office/Fourth Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Garage

Newport Pagnell **£215,000**

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Dining Room
- En-Suite
- Dressing Room
- Family Bathroom

Great Linford **£185,000**

- Link Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- No Chain



Newport Pagnell **£165,000**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Enclosed Rear Garden

Newport Pagnell **£150,000**

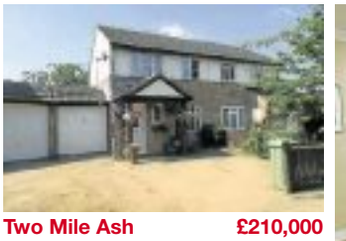
- No Upper Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- School Catchment
- Large Living Space

Redhouse Park **OIEO £130,000**

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner/Kitchen
- Off Road Parking

Stony Stratford **Guide £220,000**

- Mews Style Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge
- Allocated Parking



Two Mile Ash **£210,000**

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen/Family Room
- Utility Room & Study
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Two Mile Ash **£65,000**

- Semi Detached
- Shared Ownership Scheme
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Cloakroom
- Off Road Parking

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Heelands £195,000

Spacious five bedroom end terrace property in Heelands with great bus routes and close proximity of central Milton Keynes. Offers kitchen/diner, living room, cloakroom, garden and an allocated parking space.

Eaglestone £85,000

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Downhead Park £70,000

First floor apartment available on a shared ownership scheme in the popular area of Downhead Park. Offers two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen/diner/living room with balcony and off road parking.

Old Wolverton £140,000

A well presented two bedroom property in Old Woverton briefly comprising entrance hall, open plan lounge, diner, kitchen, allocated parking and views over the fields.

Bradville £195,000

Three bedroom link detached property situated on the well established Bradville development. The property has been fully refurbished and benefits from a re-fitted kitchen and re-fitted bathroom.

Broughton £125,000

Well presented maisonette property situated on Freshfield Avenue. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and communal gardens.

Eaglestone £130,000

Two bedroom mid terraced property in Eaglestone. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen and family bathroom. Further benefits are gas central heating and rear garden.

Bletchley £120,000

Two bedroom ground floor maisonette located in Bletchley briefly comprising lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room and bathroom. The property also benefits from a garage and front decking area.

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Moulsoe £500,000

Four bedroom bungalow sat on a very generous plot, accessed through a gated entrance. The house boasts large, flexible accommodation and is located in the beautiful village of Moulsoe. As well as the large plot, the bungalow also benefits from views over open fields.

Willen £375,000

SIMILAR REQUIRED

Newport Pagnell £350,000

Four bedroom semi detached property set in a private cul-de-sac location and offers an easy commute to the M1. Includes kitchen/diner, two large reception rooms, garage, excellent decor and heated floors controlled by individual thermostats.

Blakelands £300,000

Adorable and quirky family home is offered with no upward chain. The current owners have modernised throughout, including the kitchen, bathroom, en-suite and cloakroom all recently re-fitted. The house is part of an extremely sought after cul-de-sac in Blakelands.

Haversham £350,000

A beautiful, unique stone built bungalow boasting fantastic views over open fields to the rear. The property is within catchment and just a short walk to Haversham village school.

Haversham £299,000

This stunningly presented three double bedroom, individually built 1930's house, is set on an impressive plot in the peaceful village of Haversham.

Haversham £280,000

A stunning family home set in the extremely sought after village of Haversham. Much improved by the current owners, this house offers a wealth of versatility and space throughout.

Newport Pagnell £275,000

SIMILAR REQUIRED

Milton Keynes £260,000

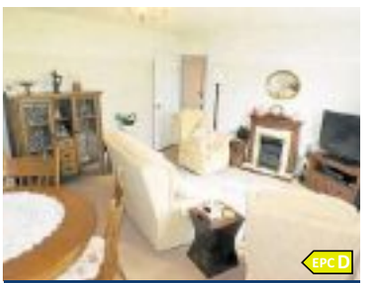
Beautiful three bedroom detached house with accommodation comprising kitchen/dining room, lounge, conservatory, master with en-suite, family bathroom, garden and driveway.

North Crawley £230,000

A great three bedroom link detached property situated in a lovely cul-de-sac in the extremely sought after village of North Crawley.

Newport Pagnell £165,000

SIMILAR REQUIRED



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Horton **£425,000**

A large four bedroom detached family home located in a popular village location of Horton. Benefits include en-suite, double garage and mature gardens.

Horton **£375,000**

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Lavendon **£340,000**

Charming four bedroom detached home situated on Castle Road, Lavendon. The property boasts many character features throughout including exposed beams, fireplaces and exposed stone walls.

Irthlingborough **£245,000**

Detached four bedroom family home which has been extended and improved by the current owners. The property is situated on a cul-de-sac and occupies an enviable plot with gardens to side and rear.

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Turvey **£230,000**

Modern two double bedroom semi detached home situated on Bakers Close in the sought after village of Turvey. Includes lounge with opening into dining room, kitchen and large P-shaped conservatory.

Podington **£210,000**

Period three bedroom character house pleasantly situated on the high street in the popular North Bedfordshire village of Podington. Includes character features such as fireplaces and exposed stone walls.

Great Doddington **£200,000**

Three bedroom semi detached home situated on Wilby Lane in the sought after village of Great Doddington. Benefits include new central heating system, double glazing, driveway and garage.

Hackleton **£187,500**

Recently refurbished and renovated character cottage set within the village of Hackleton. The property has been finished to a high standard and includes open plan lounge and conservatory.

Denton **£179,950**

Charming two bedroom character property situated on Church Way in Denton. briefly comprises lounge, kitchen/breakfast room opening out onto rear garden and family bathroom.

Cogenhoe **£175,000**

Versatile two/three bedroom semi detached property situated on Orchard Way in the village of Cogenhoe. Includes 26ft lounge, family/dining room, kitchen, study/bedroom, downstairs cloakroom and office.

Lavendon **£95,000**

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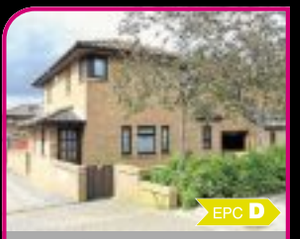
- Downstairs Cloak
- Lounge/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Good Size Rear Garden
- No Above Chain

Shenley Brook End £169,950



- No Above Chain
- Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Utility
- Kitchen/Breakfast
- Downstairs Cloak
- Gardens

Oldbrook £210,000

- Terraced
- Downstairs Cloak
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Radiator Heating
- Rear Garden

Great Linford £155,000

Ideal family home! Situated in a cul-de-sac location this four/five bedroom detached property offers spacious accommodation for all. Great Linford boasts the Grand Union Canal , parkland, Great Linford Manor, cricket green and local amenities nearby.

Great Linford £290,000

Enjoy waterside living! This spectacular four bedroom detached house is offered for sale in excellent condition throughout. The property backs onto the Grand Union Canal and also comes with its very own private mooring. No above chain.

Fenny Stratford £420,000

A simply stunning home! With the added benefits of three bedrooms, large conservatory, cloakroom, private rear garden, single garage and off road parking for two/three vehicles. Located within walking distance of local shops and Furzton Lake,

Furzton £229,950

Close to the Grand Union Canal this stunning three bedroom family home has recently been refurbished by the current owners to a high specification. Benefits two reception rooms, conservatory, cloakroom and a modern kitchen.

Bolbeck Park OIEO £210,000

A perfect family home! This thee bedroom property offers a great size kitchen/diner with french doors leading out to the garden with a large decked area, lawn and play area. The rest of house is not to be missed out on either.

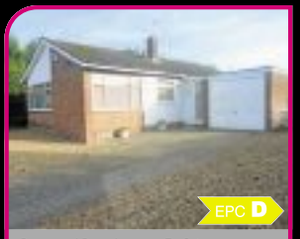
Old Wolverton £200,000

Like three storey living....need five bedrooms? View this modern five bedroom home with popular schools, parkland and shops located nearby. An ideal family home and is offered for sale with no above chain.

Broughton £239,950

- Apartment
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Gated Access
- Kitchen & Appliances
- High Specification
- Great Location
- No Above Chain

Monkston Park OIEO £200,000



- Renovated Bungalow
- Detached
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Kitchen & Utility
- Conservatory
- Garage

Bletchley £274,995

- Semi Detached
- Amazing Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- New Flooring
- Utility
- Summer House
- No Above Chain

'The Trees' Bletchley £209,995

- No Above Chain
- 3 Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloak
- Separate Receptions
- En-Suite
- Garage
- Views Over Playing Field

Monkston £224,999

- Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Gardens
- No Above Chain

Stantonbury Fields OIEO £175,000

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WOLVERTON £170,000

NEW

- 3 bedrooms
- Many original features
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen with appliances
- Four piece bathroom suite
- Re-fitted gas boiler
- Larger than average rear garden
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating D

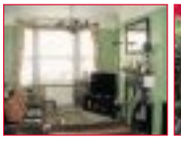
WOLVERTON £155,000

NEW

- 3 bedrooms
- Double bay fronted mid terrace
- Separate reception rooms
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Front & rear gardens
- Single garage
- Energy Rating D

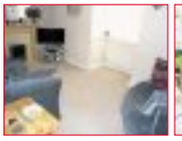
WOLVERTON £170,000

REDUCED



- 3 bedrooms
- Replacement UPVC double glazing
- Upstairs bathroom
- Original features
- Lounge through dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front and rear gardens
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £190,000



- 3 bedrooms
- End of terrace
- Separate dining room
- UPVC double glazing
- En-suite to bedroom one
- Situated on a corner plot
- Off road parking for 2 cars
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating C

WOLVERTON £195,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Completely re-furbished
- Re-fitted kitchen with integrated appliances
- UPVC double glazed sash windows
- Two replacement bathroom suites
- Utility room
- Original features
- Off road rear parking
- Energy Rating E

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

WOLVERTON £187,500

NEW

- 3 bedrooms
- 1930's semi detached
- Separate reception rooms
- Re-fitted bathroom
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Off road parking for 4/5 cars
- Single garage
- Backing onto Wolverton Recreation Ground
- No upper chain
- Energy rating E

NEW BRADWELL £160,000

REDUCED

- 2 double bedrooms
- Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- UPVC double glazing
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Utility room
- Front and rear gardens
- Energy Rating E

PEARTREE BRIDGE £112,500

NEW

- 2 bedrooms
- First floor flat
- Re-fitted kitchen & bathroom
- Built in wardrobes to bed-room one
- Allocated parking
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £145,000

- 2 double bedrooms
- Mid terrace house
- Separate reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen & bathroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Rear garden with garage
- No upper chain
- Close to local amenities
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £180,000

- 3 double bedrooms
- Original features
- Victorian fireplaces
- Replacement sash windows
- Upstairs bathroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- No upper chain
- Energy rating E

WOLVERTON £185,000

- 4 bedrooms
- Double bay mid terrace
- Upstairs bathroom
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Lounge through dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Single garage to the rear
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating E

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For informal enquiries please contact Caroline Annison on 01908 252017.

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Revenues Technical Officer
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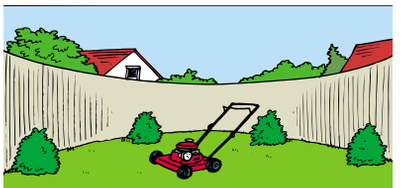

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MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA FOR THE PARISH OF NEWPORT PAGNELL
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Milton Keynes Council has received an application for the designation of a neighbourhood area and, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the Council is carrying out an eight week consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Area from **Wednesday 31 July 2013 to Wednesday 25 September 2013.**

The application:

Newport Pagnell Town Council - the Town Council has submitted proposals to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Newport Pagnell that covers the whole parish area. The application is accompanied by a map showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and a statement from the Town Council explaining why and how they intend to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the area.

The application can be seen on the Milton Keynes Council website at: http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-policy

How to comment:

All comments on the proposed Neighbourhood Area must be received by the Development Plans team by **5pm on Wednesday 25 September 2013.** Comments can be made:

By email to: development.plans@milton-keynes.gov.uk
By post to: Development Plans, Milton Keynes Council
Planning and Transport
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By fax to: 01908 252211

Please note that this is not a consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan itself, but merely the identification of the area for which the Parish or Town Council wish to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood Plans are a way for Town and Parish Councils to help shape how their community develops over the coming years.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(PARTS OF CARRIAGEWAY AT H6 CHILDS WAY, ROUNDABOUT AT JUNCTION 14 (M1) AND A509 LONDON ROAD)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 31 August 2013, with the consent of Central Bedfordshire Council, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting in or proceeding along parts of the carriageway along the H6 Childs Way, the roundabout at Junction 14 of the M1 motorway and the A509 London Road, Milton Keynes whilst carriageway maintenance works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary closures will commence on Monday 5 August 2013 at 21.00 hours and will continue until Tuesday 6 August 2013 at 06.00 hours. The affected lengths of roads are as follows:-

H6 Childs Way (northbound carriageway only) – From its junction with Northfield roundabout to its junction with the M1 (Junction 14) roundabout;

Junction 14 Roundabout (except the slip roads coming off the M1 northbound and southbound on to Junction 14);

A509 London Road (southbound carriageway only) from its junction with Newport Road (leading to Moulsoe) to its junction with the M1 (Junction 14) roundabout.

Access to Moulsoe and the hotel from the A509 London Road will be maintained via the southbound carriageway of the A509 London Road.

Whilst access to Junction 14 of the M1 Junction is temporarily closed the alternative routes will be as follows:-

M1 NORTHBOUND (via Junction 15)
From A509 London Road – proceed via the A422 H3 Monks Way (from its junction with the A509 London Road to its junction with the A5); the A5 (from its junction with the A422 H3 Monks Way to its junction with Old Stratford Roundabout); the A508 Northampton Road (from its junction with Old Stratford Roundabout to Junction 15 of the M1 – including London Road, Roade).

From H6 Childs Way – proceed via the A509 H5 Portway (from its junction with the H6 Childs Way, to its junction with the A5); the A5 (from its junction with the A422 Monks Way to its junction with Old Stratford Roundabout); the A508 Northampton Road (from its junction with Old Stratford Roundabout to Junction 15 of the M1, including London Road, Roade).

M1 SOUTHBOUND (via Junction 13)
From A509 London Road – proceed via the A422 H3 Monks Way (from its junction with the A509 London Road to its junction with the V11 Tongwell Street); the V11 Tongwell Street (from its junction with the A422 H3 Monks Way to its junction with the A421 H8 Standing Way); the A421 H8 Standing Way (from its junction with the V11 Tongwell Street to its junction with the A421); the A421 (from its junction with the A421 H8 Standing Way to Junction 13 of the M1).

From H6 Childs Way – proceed via the H6 Childs Way (from its junction with the Northfield Roundabout to its junction with the V11 Tongwell Street); the V11 Tongwell Street (from its junction with the A422 H3 Monks Way to its junction with the A421 H8 Standing Way); the A421 H8 Standing Way (from its junction with the V11 Tongwell Street to its junction with the A421); the A421 (from its junction with the A421 H8 Standing Way to Junction 13 of the M1).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order, other than for emergency services vehicles, and military vehicles whilst being driven on operational duties.

The temporary closures and alternative routes will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected parts of roads a few days in advance of commencement of the works.

The Order comes into operation on 5 August 2013 and continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

31 July 2013
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Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(PARTS OF QUEEN ELEANOR STREET AND HIGH STREET, STONY STRATFORD) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 30 July 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 so as to enable the construction of a new roundabout at the junction of High Street and Queen Eleanor Street, Stony Stratford. The effect of this is to temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic from proceeding along the following parts of roads whilst works are carried out:-

- Those parts of Queen Eleanor Street running approximately 45 metres either side of its junction with High Street;
- High Street, from its junction with Queen Eleanor Street for a distance of approximately 45 metres in a westerly direction.

It is anticipated that the temporary closures will be in effect overnight as follows:-

- from 8.00 pm on 31 July 2013 until 6.30 am on 1 August 2013;
- from 8.00 pm on 1 August 2013 until 6.30 am on 2 August 2013.

Whilst the roads are temporarily closed, the alternative routes will be as follows:-

Queen Eleanor Street
Southbound traffic should proceed via London Road, Towcester Road, A5, H3 Monks Way, V4 Watling Street and Queen Eleanor Street;

Northbound traffic should proceed via V4 Watling Street, H3 Monks Way, A5, Towcester Road and London Road.

High Street
South-eastbound traffic should proceed via London Road, Towcester Road, A5, H3 Monks Way, V4 Watling Street, Queen Eleanor Street, London Road, Horsefair Green, Silver Street, Church Street and High Street;

North-westbound traffic should proceed via High Street, London Road, Queen Eleanor Street, V4 Watling Street, H3 Monks Way, A5, Towcester Road and London Road.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance.

The Order comes into operation on 31 July 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/01494/FUL	Single storey rear extension at 52 Western Road, Wolverton
13/01533/FUL	Variation of condition 3 attached to planning permission MK/01045/79 for an area of the car park to be divided off for an amenity area (retrospective) at Hanslope Working Mens Club, 28 High Street, Hanslope
13/01556/FUL	Replace existing windows with white UPVC windows at 78 Windsor Street, Wolverton
13/01564/LBC	Listed Building Consent for rear single storey orangery plus internal alterations at 15 Bridge Street, Olney
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/01550/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to remove branches of one Acacia tree overhanging neighbouring property at St Marys Church, Church Lane, Clifton Reynes
13/01554/MMAM	Minor material amendments to planning permission 12/01893/FUL for changes to approved plans (retrospective) at The Old Manor House, Turvey Road, Newton Blossomville
13/01561/FUL	Single storey rear extension to form an orangery at 15 Bridge Street, Olney
13/01616/MMAM	Minor material amendment to planning consent 12/01894/LBC for changes to approved plans (retrospective) at The Old Manor House, Turvey Road, Newton Blossomville

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
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13/01558/FUL	Erection of permanent 2.4m fence around existing skate park at Skate Park To The South West of Haverthwaite View, Broughton

NICK FENWICK
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CALVERTON ROAD, STRATFORD ROAD, QUEEN ELEANOR STREET, WOLVERTON ROAD (PARTS), STONY STRATFORD, MILTON KEYNES) (40 MPH) ORDER 2008) VARIATION ORDER 2013

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (40 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT) (No. 8) ORDER 1979) REVOCATION ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 30 July 2013 made the above named Orders under sections 82(2), 83(2), 84(1) and (2) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act). The Orders, which come into effect on 1 August 2013 will affect all classes of vehicle.

The effect of the above Variation Order is to reduce the current length of the 40 mph speed limit along Queen Eleanor Street, Stony Stratford which runs in a general westerly direction from its junction with Wolverton Road and Stratford Road towards London Road, by a distance of approximately 50 metres. The removal of the 40 mph speed limit along that length of road means that it automatically becomes subject to a 30 mph speed limit by virtue of the positions of the street lighting along it.

The effect of the above Revocation Order is to revoke in its entirety the Order entitled THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (40 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT) (No. 8) ORDER 1979, which means the removal of the 40 mph speed limit, and its automatic replacement with a 30 mph speed limit by virtue of the positions of the street lighting, along that part of the Stony Stratford loop road from its northern junction with the London-Holyhead Trunk Road (A5) at a point approximately 100 metres south-east of the county boundary between Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire and continuing to a point approximately 506 metres west of the centre line of its junction with Ostlers Lane, Stony Stratford, including the slip road which runs from the loop road towards the north-western end of High Street, Stony Stratford, being a distance of approximately 240 metres.

A copy of each Order, a statement of reasons for proposing the Orders, a map showing the lengths of road referred to, together with copies of the Orders to be varied or revoked by the proposals, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Stony Stratford Library, Church Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ. Please quote reference number BAS-P&E-7570-2183.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks of the date upon which the Order was made, apply to High Court for this purpose.

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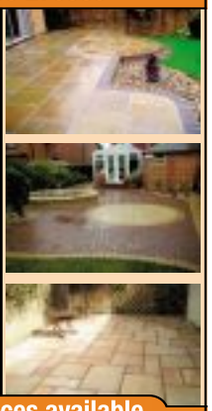

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Central Bedfordshire

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Details

Central Bedfordshire Council invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced organisations to provide accommodation services in care homes with and without nursing across Central Bedfordshire that are registered with the Care Quality Commission to provide care for people aged 65 and over.

The overall aim of this tendering exercise is to develop the care home market in Central Bedfordshire to ensure that people have access to high quality and effective services that are tailored to their needs. The Council will work with providers to develop a stable and resilient market with capacity to deliver accommodation across the whole area. As part of this process the Council wishes to encourage new providers to develop care homes within Central Bedfordshire to provide additional capacity to meet the current and future need for accommodation.

These services are to be provided to adults 65 years and over who are physically frail, who have dementia, a physical impairment or ill-health that is primarily related to their age including people in need of palliative and end of life care.

This will also include the provision of short term care, to provide breaks to carers or for a period of recuperation following medical treatment.

The successful providers will be contracted under a framework agreement which will set out all price and quality arrangements and the Council shall call off services from any of these providers as required.

The framework agreement shall be in place for three years with an option to extend for a further twelve months.

In order to express an interest in this tender, please register on our electronic tendering system https://in-tendhost.co.uk/centralbedfordshire. Providers are recommended to express an interest at the earliest opportunity to allow sufficient time to complete the tender response.

The closing date for submitting electronic completed responses to this Invitation to Tender will be 12:00 Midday on Tuesday 27th August 2013.

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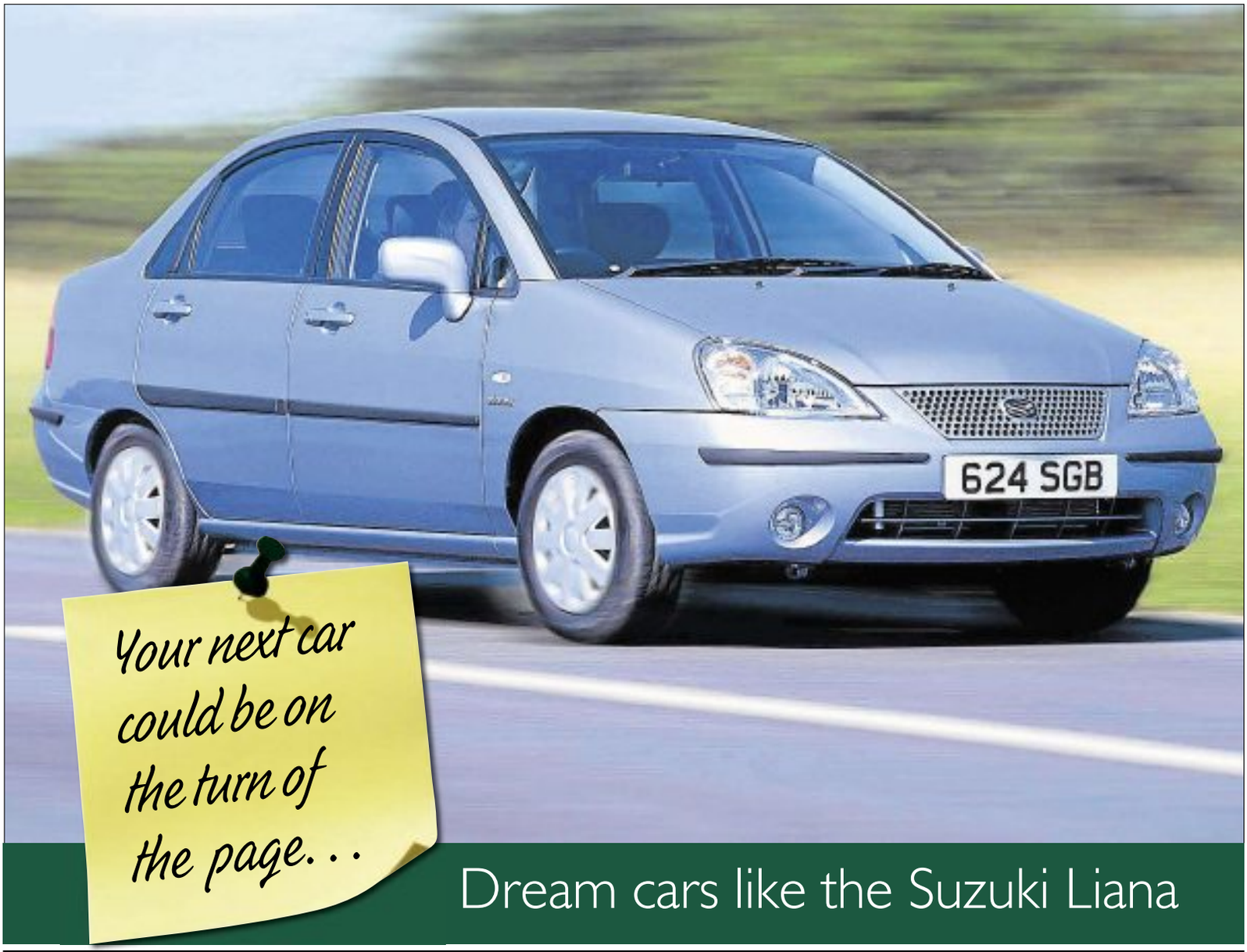

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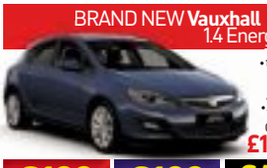

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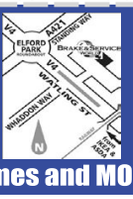

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DONS

IMPRESSED: Luke Chadwick battles Edgar Davids

Picture: Andy Handley

Davids looks to copy Dons

BARNET player and head coach Edgar Davids said his team could learn from MK Dons' style of football after the Buckinghamshire side's 4-1 friendly win at The Hive on Saturday.

The former Barcelona, Milan and Ajax midfielder was delighted to welcome Dons to north London, and he sung the praises of the side after the result.

He said Barnet want to play in a similar style to Dons during their Blue Square Bet Premier campaign, which begins on August 10.

"They (MK Dons) did quite well and we were happy to play a team like MK Dons," said Davids.

"They play like how we want to play and with their goals in the last 15 minutes they showed us what efficiency is.

"They passed the ball quite well but you could see when they brought the subs on that they went up a different gear.

"We couldn't keep up with them and we didn't have the legs."

Davids has taken the unusual step of playing in the number one jersey for Barnet this season, and he took to the field against Dons with that number on his back.

The former Dutch international midfielder was brought in to the club halfway through last season, but he was unable to keep the Bees up as they were relegated to non league football alongside Aldershot Town on the last day of the season.

Barnet begin their season on August 10 at home to Chester.

DONS

Flanagan to lead the line against Spurs XI tonight

BY SCOTT KIRK

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MK DONS centre back Tom Flanagan is looking forward to pushing for a place in the first team this season.

Flanagan, *pictured*, has been given the number four jersey for the 2013-14 campaign - a sign of intent from manager Karl Robinson that he will be around the starting eleven this year.

And the defender can't wait to see if he is involved in the season opener against Shrewsbury Town on Saturday.

"Saturday should be a good game and we've already seen a few clips of Shrewsbury," Flanagan said.

"They look very good and their manager has done some good business in the summer to strengthen their team.

"We're chomping at the bit to get going on Saturday. I'm really looking forward to it and I hope I can be involved in one of the first two games."

This season arguably represents a tougher challenge for Dons, with big teams dropping down and moving up to League One, but that doesn't faze the young centre back.

"We always perform against the big teams and the league is full of them this year," he said,

The Dons have had three defensive departures during the summer, with Gary MacKenzie, Adam Chicksen and Mathias Kouo-Doumbe leaving the club, but Flanagan believes that had

all three stayed, he would have been pushing for a start in the side anyway.

"When Gary was here I kept him out of the team a couple of years ago and I did the same when Mark Beevers was here," he said.

"The manager thought it would be better for me to play out on loan last season and initially I was disappointed, but I'm very thankful that has happened now because it has got me to where I am today."

Flanagan had a very topsy-turvy campaign last season.

He received a winner's medal for his time at League Two Gillingham, but he also endured relegation as he was part of Edgar Davids' Barnet side that dropped down to the Blue Square Bet Premier Division on the last day of the season.

"I didn't really want a relegation on my CV but there was nothing I could do about that," said Flanagan. "Going out on loan has given me a lot of experience and it's nice to play with different people."

Another high Flanagan experienced was a call-up to the Northern Ireland Under-21 squad during his time at Gillingham, but he also had to contend with a foot injury that kept him out of action for 12 weeks.

He is hoping that a run in the MK Dons team will lead to more Northern Ireland caps.

"As long as I can get a run in the team I think things like international call-ups will happen and as long as I'm playing well, this year is a good opportunity to get a few more," he said.

Robinson has made Flanagan captain for the Dons' final pre-season friendly against a Tottenham Hotspur XI in what will be a youthful line-up.

He believes the 19-year-old has the qualities to become a future skipper at the club.

"We believe he has a tremendous future and I think he is a future captain," said Robinson.

"The youth, energy and quality in the squad is there for all to see and Tom is no different.

"He will be like having a new signing. We need to get him back into the MK way but I have got no worries about Tom taking the club forward and I'm looking forward to the game against Spurs."

SPORTSSHORTS

RUGBY LEAGUE

MILTON Keynes Wolves will play their last match of the season at home to basement club Kings Lynn Black Knights on Saturday.

Victory would mean the Wolves would qualify for the play-offs, but the last time MK and Kings Lynn met, the Black Knights won 24-0.

The Wolves went down 32-22 at St Ives Roosters on Saturday.

Arran Perry, Steve Datchler, Oliver Fountain and Dilpeet Punian were the men to score the tries, while Scott Aspinall kicked three goals, but it was not enough for victory.

GOLF

A TEENAGER nailed a hole-in-one in the third annual Secondary Schools Cup at Abbey Hill Golf Centre.

Stantonbury Campus' Holly Impey holed from the tee on the 137-yard 12th hole on the public pay-and-play centre's main course.

The ace was not enough for the 17-year-old to lead her team to victory as St Paul's Catholic School emerged triumphant.

Holly said: "This is my third hole-in-one, but this was my favourite because I struck the ball so well."

FOOTBALL

MILTON Keynes City FC have entered a team into the North Bucks Saturday League for 2013-2014 season and are looking for more players, including a goalkeeper, to complete their squad.

If you are interested in joining the team join them on Tuesdays at 7pm at Tattenhoe Lane Sports Field, Bletchley or contact manager Stuart Metcalfe on 01908 644478.

BOXING

MILTON Keynes boxer Matt Legg put in a solid comeback performance in the city with a four round win over previously unbeaten Czech fighter Radek Linka.

Hundreds of fans watched 16st 11lb Legg win 40-35 in the four-round bout.

MOTOR RACING

MILTON Keynes racer Jeff Wyatt, 49, followed up his trio of class wins at Brands Hatch with a win and a fifth place at the latest rounds of the GT Cup Championship held at Oulton Park, Cheshire.

Race one of the seventh round saw Wyatt finish fifth from a field of nine cars from his GTA class, which made up the biggest class of the 23 car grid.

But race two was an entirely different affair. He started by quickly settling into third spot behind a Chevron and a Ginetta who shot off at a hot pace in the blistering summer heat.

Keeping consistent speed and trying to keep cool Wyatt reeled in the Chevron of Darren Nelson and overtook him with a lovely move at turn one after the start finish line.

Next was Paul Fleurry in his Ginetta, who left the track twice as Wyatt claimed victory.

The 25 points puts Wyatt into the lead of the GTA class and second in the all important overall standings.

The next races, rounds eight and nine, are at Silverstone over August 17 and 18.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletic Club's Under 17/20 Youth Development League team won their fourth consecutive match to gain promotion to the Premier League next season.

Competing at Loughborough University, the squad were a full 235 points clear of second placed Charnwood with Leicester Corinthian AC another 20 points adrift.

It was not all plain sailing on the day though as points were just hard to come by and MK had to work hard for their victory.

BADMINTON

THE England squad, who train at the National Badminton Centre in the city, are preparing to head to China to tackle next week's BWF World Championships in Guangzhou (August 5-11).

The country has representatives in singles and doubles across all five disciplines – and the tournament marks the end of the road for coach Kenneth Jonassen who is returning to his native Denmark.

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FORMULA ONE

Vettel podiums again

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HELD UP: Sebastian Vettel is caught behind Jenson Button, but he still made the podium in Hungary

RED Bull's Sebastian Vettel claimed another podium to take a sizeable advantage into this season's summer break following the Hungarian Grand Prix.

He is 38 points ahead of Lotus's Kimi Raikkonen, who Vettel enjoyed a tussle with in the battle to finish second.

Starting from second, Vettel held his position under pressure from Raikkonen's Lotus teammate Romain Grosjean, and the German pitted on lap 11 while chasing race leader Lewis Hamilton.

But Vettel was stuck behind Hamilton's former McLaren teammate Jenson Button for 13 laps when he emerged from the pits, and on lap 17 he damaged his front wing while trying to pass the Briton.

By the time Vettel passed Button, Hamilton had built up a decent gap, and Vettel's attempts to overtake Raikkonen were rebuffed repeatedly as the championship leader came home third.

"I would have loved the race to have been a bit longer, as it was fun with Kimi at the end," said Vettel.

"The key issue in the race was when I got stuck behind Jenson.

"I tried to force it and damaged my front wing, which was a mistake from my side. I was maybe trying to urge a bit too much.

"It was close with Kimi and it's nice to be on the podium again."

Meanwhile, fellow Red Bull driver Mark Webber turned qualifying disappointment into race joy by battling from 10th on the grid to fourth at the flag.

After a good start Webber found himself seventh and when the soft-tyre shod leaders pitted early in the race, Webber assumed the lead. With clear air in front he set about making up ground.

After successfully closing on the leading cars, Webber took on a mandatory set of soft tyres on lap 59 and emerged fourth. He almost caught Vettel but in the end finished a useful fourth.

"I think we had the right strategy," he said. "We knew there was a lot of pressure on getting a good first lap and I got some clear air, which worked well.

"I had a pretty tricky car for the first three or four laps as I knew the option tyres were quite grippy and after that we just got our heads down.

"I don't think we could have got much more than that today."

Team principal Christian Horner admitted afterwards that Vettel's laps behind Button had been the deciding factor.

"We weren't able to get past quickly and sustained a bit of wing damage," he said.

"Heading into the summer break, we've extended our lead in the Drivers' and Constructors' Championships and everyone now deserves a well-earned rest to recharge their batteries."

Vettel leads the championship with 172 points, with Raikkonen on 134 and Fernando Alonso 133.

In the Constructors' battle, Red Bull have 277 points. Second-placed Mercedes have 208 and Ferrari are third with 194 points.

KORFBALL

ENGLAND CALL: Chelsie Browne

England call up for Browne

MILTON Keynes korfballer Chelsie Browne has been called up to the England Under-19 squad for the new 2013/2014 season.

The 18-year-old from Monkston, who is about to begin a degree in sport and exercise science at Loughborough University, came through a rigorous trial and assessment phase earlier in the summer to secure her place in the team. The selection is her second for the national side, having already represented England at Under-16 level.

"The trial was a one-day session where we were tested on our skills, fitness and general game play," said Chelsie, who has been playing korfball in the MK area for five years.

"Then we had to play in two tournaments: the National Youth Day in Cambridge and an inter-area competition in Kent, and impress the selectors there."

Chelsie faces the prospect of competing in a range of competitions for England home and abroad, including the Under-19 World Cup, which will be staged in Leeuwarden, Netherlands, next March.

Meanwhile, MK Roos claimed the inaugural Milton Keynes Korfball Summer League title with an impressive 16-6 win over Rogues/Colossus in the final at Emerson Valley.

The Roos, who had finished top of the table in the league stage of the outdoor tournament, got off to a strong start in the 50-minute game, scoring twice inside the first few minutes. A long-range Dan McCalla effort got RC back into contention, and their tight defending kept the deficit down to one or two goals for most of the first half, but Roos put their foot down just before the break to open up a 9-3 half-time lead.

In the second half as the RC players tired, Roos extended their lead to double figures, and in the end eight of the nine Roos players got on to the scoresheet, Jeni Sanderson leading the way with five goals.

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CRICKET

Horton House end Stony winning streak

A LOOK at the local cricket action from the weekend of July 27/28

Northants Cricket League

STONY Stratford were bowled out for 80 in a low-scoring affair at Horton House in the Premier Division.

After Horton won the toss and chose to bat, Stony got off to a good start when they reduced the home side to 10-2.

But Elliott Ruff's 42 off 56 balls helped solidify the home side's innings.

Steve Bellew was in great form with ball in hand for Stony, picking up three wickets for the loss of just 23 runs from his 17 overs.

Tyler Lorton claimed a four-wicket haul as he tidied up the lower order batsmen to get Horton all out for 155 off their 54 overs.

But only three players reached double figures for Stony in the reply as openers Luke Evans and Will Smith tore into the visitors.

Russell White's 18 at number six was the best individual score as opener Lorton reached 11 and number 10 Alex Strong mustered up 12, but it was not enough as Stony were dismissed in the 36th over.

Cherwell Cricket League

A CENTURY from Shahzad helped Wolverton Town to a 166-run victory over neighbours Bletchley Town in Division Two.

The home side reached 279-7 to record a 25-point success, with Wade adding 65 to mount an imposing total.

Four wickets from Jude Ramanadanpulle helped dismiss Bletchley for 113.

In Division One, Great Brickhill succumbed to a six-wicket defeat at the hands of Shipton-under-Wychwood to move down to second-from-bottom.

Miller's seven-wicket haul helped bowl Brickhill out for 148, and Shipton knocked off the win in the 30th over.

Four Counties League

NORTH Crawley's march towards the Division One title continued apace as they defeated third-placed Milton Keynes CC by six wickets.

Sam Hagger struck 66 opening the batting for Milton Keynes, with Nimesh Chavda's 40 giving the home side a good start.

Ian Gillam's 4-52 helped dismiss MK for 207, but a colossal 113 by opener Alex Walker allowed the league leaders to reach their target with plenty of overs to spare.

Bottom club Cranfield University were subjected to a torrid time by Elstow's Robert Tebbutt, who notched up six wickets to dismiss the students for 71. Elstow lost just two wickets in the reply to ease to victory in the ninth over.

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All systems go as Dons plot promotion course

BY SCOTT KIRK
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EXCITEMENT is building in the MK Dons camp as they prepare for their first game of the season at Shrewsbury Town on Saturday.

But first of all they will entertain a Tottenham Hotspur XI in a friendly at stadiummk this evening (Wednesday), which kicks off at 7.30pm.

One first-teamer has picked up a knock in what manager Karl Robinson described as the only injury sustained all pre-season, but the boss didn't name who it was to keep his cards close to his chest before the League One opener.

He did say that Jon Otsemobor will play in the match against Spurs to give him some game time, while winger Dean Bowditch was around ten days away from regaining full fitness.

A young team similar to the one that finished the match against Barnet on Saturday is expected to line up against Spurs, who will similarly be fielding a youthful side.

But speaking ahead of the Shrewsbury game, the Dons manager said: "Everyone is looking forward to the season beginning now.

"It's interesting - it's the only game in the season which you get six weeks to prepare for but we feel we're in a good place."

Robinson and skipper Dean Lewington said promotion was still the aim this season, but that ambition would be tougher in 2013-14 with the competitive nature of this year's league.

"We all want to get promoted," said Robinson.

"It's going to be difficult but we believe we've got enough players to cope with the demand of the season.

"We want to start the season brightly and full of energy.

"The energy in the camp has improved and I think these younger players have pushed the more experienced ones.

"I'd always like to bring in more players but I'm happy with the squad."

Lewington is similarly looking forward to the new campaign beginning.

PROMOTION BID: Karl Robinson talks tactics during Saturday's 4-1 friendly win at Barnet

"I think the first game of the season is always exciting," he said.

"The ambition is to improve on last season. We were disappointed with where we finished but we'll try to get out of the league this season.

"There are some big teams and some clubs spending a bit of money but we've still got a decent squad, and we beat most of the top teams last year so if we can get that consistency there is no reason why we can't string a few results together.

"I think we've got the potential to go up automatically - it's a tough ask and in the past we've probably shot ourselves in the foot because no team is entitled to win the league.

"I think we've got a chance and we'll try our level best to make it happen."

A busy opening week of the campaign also sees Dons come up against near neighbours Northampton Town in a League Cup first round tie at Sixfields on Tuesday night.

Robinson said he wants to make amends for his side's defeat to the League Two outfit in the opening round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy last season.

"It's a local derby and we got beat 1-0 last year so we want revenge," he said.

Dons v Tottenham Hotspur – full report/reacreaction from tonight's friendly at www.mkweb.co.uk

Golden Greg wins Worlds fitness battle

OLYMPIC long jump champion Greg Rutherford has been named in the Great Britain squad for the World Championships after winning his fitness battle against a hamstring injury.

There were serious doubts about the London 2012 winner's participation in Moscow next month but he has satisfied selectors that he is good to go in the Russian capital after performing a number of tests.

British Athletics said that he made a level of progress that would see him able to perform strongly in Moscow.

"I'm incredibly happy with my body's response," said Rutherford, who was given additional time to prove himself after the rest of the British squad was selected on July 16.

"I'm lucky to have strong healing abilities and a great team aiding me.

"I would like to say a big thanks to British Athletics and Neil Black [Performance Director] for giving me the extra time and for overseeing my fitness test."

Rutherford missed the Sainsbury's Anniversary Games at the Olympic Stadium this weekend, with rival Chris Tomlinson poised to take the sole spot for a British long jumper if he was declared unfit.

Qualifying at the Worlds takes place on Wednesday, August 14 with the final two days later.

"Greg has shown a remarkable level of recovery during a short space of time, something he has shown an aptitude for throughout his athletics career," said Black.

"Following the fitness tests and his record of being able to produce a quality performance off minimal build up, I am pleased to confirm his place in the GB & NI team.

"He'll continue to work closely with the support staff to maximise every additional moment in between now and August 14."